

# **TOWN OF ELLINGTON**

## **WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**April 21, 2009**

**Members Present:** Daniel Parisi (Chairman), Edward Duell, Shawn Koehler, Tim Kiessling

**Members Absent:** Joe Stimac

**Others Present:** Town Engineer, Jim Thompson of Buck & Buck and Peter Williams, WPCA Administrator.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Daniel Parisi called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### **II. CITIZENS FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE**

#### **III. PUBLIC HEARING**

##### **1. Public Hearing-Crystal Lake Sewer Service Area**

Chairman Parisi opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Chairman Parisi read the notice of the public hearing.

Peter Williams did an overview of the process that was used to develop the proposed sewer service area map.

The proposed map shows the areas of Burbank Road and Minor Hill Road being removed from the service area due to being designated as rural by the State's C&D Plan Guide Map and as outlined in the DEP, November 4, 2008 letter from William Hogan.

Rich Murphy from Burbank Road recalled the 1981 approval of the drainage. Was not an advocate at that time for the sewer, but now if they were to be undertaken, it would just costs the town more money.

Attorney Dorian Famigliette, representing Ken Boynton owner of 34 Minor Hill Road, pointed out to the Authority that they should consider more than just the C&D Plan Guide Map and the outline from the DEP.

- The original order from the State was to protect the waters of Crystal Lake by sewerage its drainage area.
- The C&D Plan Guide Map is only part of the States C&D plan and should not be used without review of the entire document before making changes to the sewer service area.
- The town's Planning and Zoning is in conflict with the states C&D Plan and should be reviewed further before any revisions are done.

- The property on 34 Minor Hill Road already has an approval to connect to the System from the WPCA.

**MOTION (KIESSLING) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:01 P.M.**

The authority members thought that before any revisions to the sewer service area are approved, the concerns brought up by Attorney Famigliette be addressed. Peter Williams will contact the State and the Town's Attorney to set up a meeting, before the next WPCA meeting, to discuss all the ramifications when changing the sewer service area.

**MOTION (KOEHLER) SECONDED (KIESSLING) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TABLE THE DECISION REGARDING THE PROPOSED SEWER SERVICE AREA.**

#### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**MOTION (KIESSLING) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD AGENDA ITEM 5, 51 MEADOW BROOK SEWER EXTENSION CONNECTION.**

##### **1. Facilities Plan Update/Review Workshop:**

- i. **GIS Strategic Plan:** Williams presented a different approach to GIS study approved at the last meeting and will review it more fully at the next meeting.
- ii. **Capital Improvement Project 2008-2 Rt. 83 West Rd Relocation:** Bids have been received. Low bidder was VMS. The benefits of the line reversal is reducing infiltration and reducing the use of existing piping in Vernon, thus limiting future exposure to maintenance repair cost of Vernon's system.

**MOTION (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WPCA TO SIGN THE CONTRACT FOR PROJECT 2008-2 RT 83 WEST ROAD RELOCATION WITH THE LOW BIDDER VMS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$358,640, AS RECOMMENDED BY BUCK AND BUCK LLC THE PROJECT ENGINEERS.**

**3. Town of Vernon Rate Adjustments:** The Town of Vernon has expressed that there is a problem with the way the depreciation is presently being handled and will address our concerns.

**4. Update on Town of Stafford's Plant Upgrade:** The plant bids have come in lower than budgeted which will result in Ellington's cost being reduced accordingly.

**5. 51 Meadow Brook Sewer Extension Connection:** The Health Department has ordered them to connect their buildings to the sewer lines as the two buildings closest to the road have failed. The WPCA has received a phone call from Gerber Construction saying they are ready to get started on the work. The Bond approval includes laterals that should be removed for this project.

**MOTION (DUELL) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REDUCE THE BOND AMOUNT BY REMOVING THE COST OF THE LATERALS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ENGINEER.**

**V. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **328 Somers Road-Future Development:** Planning and Zoning is considering a Zone change to this area and are concerned that they may jeopardize the Steap Grand.

**MOTION (KIESSLING) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE WPCA ADMINISTRATOR TO ACQUIRE A LEGAL OPINION ON THE IMPACT, IF ANY, THAT A ZONE CHANGE IN THE AIRPORT SEWER SERVICE AREA WOULD HAVE ON THE STEAP GRAND RECEIVED FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE TO THIS AREA.**

2. **Disconnect Policy:** Currently the WPCA does not have a disconnect policy in place. The WPCA had some discussion in regards to the Disconnect Policy. The Town Engineer will prepare procedures for when a property is disconnected for the Authorities review.

**VI. ADMINISTRATIVE:**

1. **Design, Construction, & Maintenance Reports:** The Maintenance item in the budget is running over due to the cleaning of Sewer lines. Any overruns in this line item will be charged to the enterprise account as a preventive maintenance cost.

2. **Review Active Bonds:** This was tabled until the next meeting.

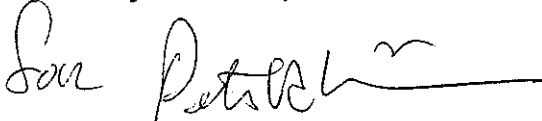
3. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes-March 17, 2009.**

**MOTION (KIESSLING) SECONDED (KOEHLER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2009 MEETING.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION (KOEHLER) SECONDED (DUELL) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:23 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Cosman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jessica Cosman